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To whom it may concern:

I am supportive of a settlement in the case. However, there are some aspects of the proposal that I do not agree with.

Provide operating system interfaces to all software suppliers -

1. This is good. However, this should hold true from now on, not be limited to 5 or 7 years.
2. This info must be made available to all software suppliers as soon as it is available to other areas within Microsoft.

Allow PC makers or retailers to replace Microsoft components with competitive components

1. This is good, but the pricing must reflect the removal of the components. As I understand it, Microsoft can bundle their components and set a price. PC maker can remove components selectively, but must still pay the same price to Microsoft. This is not good! Where is the motivation for any action? This is exactly one of the reasons that OS/2 failed in the marketplace. The OS/2 user had to pay for OS/2 & Windows.

If these aspects of the settlement are not corrected, then the settlement is worthless.

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